

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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DRILLING FLUIDS AND METHODS OF § §  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the non-Final Office Action mailed on July 10, 2009 (the "Office Action") Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections. Applicants submit the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which begin on page 2 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 7 of this paper.